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M'Cone Takes Stage As Next Spymaster

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Newport, R. I., Sept. 27.—President Kennedy today named Republican John A. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, to succeed retiring Allen Dulles as director of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency next month.

Kennedy brought McCone and Dulles to the stage of the auditorium in the Naval War College here and made the announcement in person. He lavished praise on both men. Kennedy is vacationing here until Monday.

The President said that when he asked Dulles to remain on the job after the Presidential election, Dulles agreed to do so for one year. Kennedy said he and Dulles were "most anxious that we should secure the service of an experienced public servant and that the transition which would be made this fall should be as smooth and effective as possible."

McCone will move into the CIA in about two weeks and work alongside Dulles until Dulles steps down in November.

Some Pointed Praise

The President noted that McCone, 59, wealthy Los Angeles businessman and shipbuilder, had served in the Truman Administration in 1948 as special deputy to the Secretary of Defense and in 1951 as under-secretary of the Air Force. He was chairman of the AEC under President Eisenhower from July, 1958, to January, 1961.

The President went out of his way to pay tribute to the 68-year-old Dulles, who has come under fire because of the CIA's role in the abortive invasion of Cuba last April.

"He has a record almost unique, if not unique in the history of this country," the President said. "He has served



John McCone
New CIA chief.

under eight Presidents of the United States, beginning with President Wilson in World War I — Presidents of different parties, serving during different times with different problems. He has brought to their service on each occasion and in each administration a unique regard for the public interest."

Expressing regret at Dulles' retirement, Kennedy added: "I know of no man who is a more courageous, selfless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles."

Dulles, who spied for the U. S.

in both world wars, rose, thanked the President and remarked that "in these troubled times the importance of intelligence is emphasized as essential to policy."

McCone, a stocky, bespectacled man, said it would be difficult to fill Dulles' shoes.

The CIA director draws \$21,000 a year. Kennedy brought his two guests across Narragansett Bay to the War College at the Naval base on the Presidential yacht, the Honey Fitz.

Kennedys Go Yachting

The Kennedys went out on the Honey Fitz with their children, Caroline and John Jr., and lunched on the bay. One guest aboard the yacht was Oleg Cassini, New York dress designer.

The Kennedys are vacationing here at the 97-acre estate of Mrs. Kennedy's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss.

'Satisfied' on Policy, McCone Comments

John A. McCone, newly appointed director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said yesterday he accepted the post when he was "satisfied there were no great differences of opinion" between President Kennedy and himself on the operation of the CIA.

McCone offered the comment at International Airport shortly before leaving at 4:30 P. M. for Los Angeles, where he has his permanent home. McCone said he would attend to personal affairs at home and return to Washington for indoctrination.

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